

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel all of the claims and insert the following new claims:

Claim 30 (new)

An isolated polynucleotide consisting of a polynucleotide sequence encoding
SEQ ID No: 12.

Claim 31 (new)

The isolated polynucleotide of claim 30 wherein the isolated polynucleotide
sequence is SEQ ID No: 11.

Claim 32 (new)

The isolated polynucleotide of claim 30 wherein the isolated polynucleotide is
DNA.

Claim 33 (new)

The isolated polynucleotide of claim 30 wherein the isolated polynucleotide is
RNA.

Claim 34 (new)

An isolated polypeptide having an amino acid sequence SEQ ID No: 12.

Claim 35 (new)

An isolated polypeptide consisting of a polypeptide of a *Candida* species having an amino acid sequence homologous with the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID No: 12, said homologue being essential for the viability of said *Candida* species.

Claim 36 (new)

An isolated polynucleotide consisting of a polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide according to claim 35.

Claim 37 (new)

A process for the preparation of a recombinant protein having the amino acid sequence SEQ ID No: 12 comprising the expression in an appropriate host of the DNA sequence coding for the protein having the amino acid sequence SEQ ID No: 12 and isolating and purifying said recombinant protein.

Claim 38 (new)

The process of claim 37 wherein the host cell is DH5 alpha *E.coli* or XL-Blue *E.coli*.

Claim 39 (new)

The process of claim 37 wherein the host cell is *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*.

Claim 40 (new)

An expression vector containing a DNA sequence according to claim 32.

Claim 41 (new)

An expression vector containing a DNA sequence according to claim 36.

Claim 42 (new)

A host cell transformed with a vector of claim 40.

Claim 43 (new)

A host cell transformed with a vector of claim 41.

Claim 44 (new)

A plasmid deposited at the CNCM under the number I-2212.

Claim 45 (new)

An antibody directed against a polypeptide of claim 34.

Claim 46 (new)

An antibody directed against a polypeptide of claim 35.